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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCKHEED THAT FLIGHT SR-71 HAS BEEN RULED OUT BECAUSE OF REQUIREMENT FOR DUAL PILOTING BUT ARE CONCERNED THAT EVEN FLIGHT BY KING DURING HIS VISIT TO US IN U-2 WOULD POSE UNNECESSARY RISK. ACCORDINGLY WE HAVE ASKED LOCKHEED (WASHINGTON OFFICE CHIEF KERRY) NOT RPT NOT TO PROCEED WITH INVITATION TO KING FOR U-2 FLIGHT. WE SAID WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION SHOULD LOCKHEED WANT TO SHOW HM THESE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND. KERRY SAID HE THOUGHT LOCKHEED MIGHT WANT TO SHOW KING AIRCRAFT AT CAPE CANAVERAL, WHICH WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO PALM BEACH, BUT WOULD LET US KNOW. HE READILY AGREED NOT TO PROCEED WITH INVITATION FOR FLIGHT AND COMMENTED THAT LOCKHEED HAD ALSO THOUGHT IT A QUESTIONABLE IDEA. KISSINGER

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